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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Maria Marvich and Supervisor Dave Nguyen for the courtesy extended to Drs. Robert H. Purcell, Suzanne U. Emerson, and Jens Bukh, co-inventors, and Nancy Vensko, attorney of record, on 4 August 2006. The Interview Summary Form PTOL-413 summarizes the discussion held at the personal interview. The present response to the outstanding Office Action includes the substance of the Examiner Interview.

A. Disposition of Claims

Claims 58 to 62 and 64 to 66 are pending in this application. Claims 58-62 have been allowed. Claims 64-66 were rejected for reasons of record. The latter claims have been amended. They have been changed to a method for inducing an immune response in a mammal instead of ~~an animal~~. Support for the amendment is located throughout the patent specification, for example, at page 20, last paragraph, first sentence, and page 21, first paragraph, first sentence. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

B. Compliance with 35 USC 112/1

The Patent Office rejected Claims 64 to 66 under 35 USC 112/1 as failing to meet the enablement requirement. The claims at issue directed to a method for inducing an immune response are enabled for the reasons given in the First Declaration of Dr. Purcell (previously submitted) and the Second Declaration of Dr. Purcell (newly submitted). The conclusion is the claims are in compliance with 35 USC 112/1 as meeting the enablement requirement.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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